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They are still doing it.

Bundling msn messenger and the windows media player with XP

Sending out emails to novel's customers telling them their product has an expiry date

Using sun's java pet store unjustly as a benchmark

The list goes on and on

Companies like real networks, aol, sun stand to lose billions, and with settlements like this well why stop?

Even more important the freedom of choice of the consumer is taken away.

Sure you can download netscape instead of internet explorer.

But fact is most users will take what they've got, After a long day of work they don't want to bother with installing another browser if this one works just as well. Bundle it with windows and at least 40% will start using it right away. When that is in place they add some proprietary technology to it , like active X or some nifty eyecandy that makes your screen fade away when you leave the page. Deviating from the standard just enough to make it impossible to make it annoying for the casual user to browse with netscape. (make msn network inaccessible for netscape browsers is another good way to achieve this)

Put a stop to Microsoft misusing its position in the market, split up the company or let them sell a bare bones operating system. There is NO OTHER option. Even opensourcing windows would be a joke, as no one can create a 100% compatible windows. Annoying the casual user again and thus they will not use it

Hope you reconsider the agreement

Sincerely,

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